

BERYL / ENTERPRISE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM SUMMARY OF WATER COMMISSIONER RESPONSIBILITIES

The commissioner shall monitor the use of ground water on lands where surface water and ground water are used supplementally (where there are not enough groundwater rights to provide sole supply). The commissioner shall make note of when the surface water pressurized systems are filled with water and when they are shut down or drained during the irrigation season. When the systems are shut down or drained, the metered supplemental wells shall be closely watched to ensure the water rights are not exceeded. The commissioner shall coordinate activities with the irrigation companies and shall obtain the schedule for filling and draining the pressurized systems.

The commissioner shall monitor the beginning and ending of irrigation from ground water in the area to make sure it does not commence before or extend beyond the dates set as the period of use on the water rights. The commissioner will report any violations to the state engineer.

The commissioner shall monitor, measure, and regulate use of surface water from Pinto Creek for irrigation - adjust or close headgates as necessary. A "turn schedule" shall be obtained from the watermaster of the Pinto Irrigation Company at the beginning of each irrigation season so that the commissioner will know which of the three ditches (East, West or Higbee) will be in use at any given time. The diversions in the canyon shall be monitored at least weekly, but maybe more frequently, depending upon the degree to which the Pinto water users are remaining in compliance with their rights. Continuing violations of diversion limits which cannot be resolved by the commissioner working with the water user(s) shall be reported to the state engineer's office for further action.

During years when new aerial photos are taken, the commissioner shall assist with the field check of the new aerial photography. During all years, the commissioner shall review groundwater irrigated lands on a monthly basis - checking for major changes from the most recent aerial photography - and report any major changes to the state engineer

As needed, the commissioner shall assist the Division of Water Rights in researching ownership changes on the irrigated land within the distribution system.

The commissioner shall maintain a file on the information on the approved change applications (both temporary and permanent changes) provided by the state engineer. At the beginning of each irrigation season, the commissioner shall assist the Division of Water Rights in updating the distribution map based on the changes that have been approved.

The commissioner shall keep a field note book with journal entries on irrigation monitoring activities and shall prepare a written summary report of activities to be compiled with the annual report and presented at the annual meeting.